



**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COMMISSION FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING**

*Quarterly Board Meeting
Thursday, December 4, 2025
3:00pm*

*The meeting was virtual on Zoom and the public could view the meeting livestream on YouTube with interpreting and captioning at www.youtube.com/live/OnTemalw4AU Part 1
www.youtube.com/live/iJUp_99CrVo Part 2*

DRAFT – These minutes will be subject to possible revision and approval by the commissioners at the next Board meeting on March 5, 2026.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair John Hooper called the meeting to order at 3:02pm. Renee Bregar, Administrative Operations Specialist, called roll call.

Present: Mr. John Hooper - Chair
Mr. Joseph Lopez, III - Vice Chair (joined at approx. 3:21pm)
Dr. Norm Dawson
Dr. Jennifer Herbold (left at approx. 4:47pm)
Mr. Jeff Levine (DVR Designee)
Mr. Ryan Means
Ms. Tiffany Gallegos

Quorum was met.

Seven staff members from NMCDHH were present: Executive Director, Nathan Gomme; Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Deborah Romero; Director of Community Advocacy, Corina Gutiérrez; Director of Community Engagement, Amy Bourque; Communication Development Specialist, Jessica Eubank; Community Engagement Specialist, Trevor Brennan; Administrative Operations Specialist, Renee Bregar. Jessica Eubank, Rhonda Hall, Isabella Krooth and Jacqueline Trujillo interpreted. Partners Interpreting LLC provided CART transcription. Mr. Christopher Harrington, from the New Mexico Department of Justice (NMDOJ), was also present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Hooper asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Brennan asked Mr. Harrington for clarification on agenda item V. NMCDHH Executive Director Performance Review - Limited Personnel Matters. The agenda noted, "the meeting may be closed to the public during this portion of the agenda pursuant to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, § 10-15-1(H)(1), (3), and/or (7) NMSA 1978. Closed session is limited to discussion of the matters identified in the motion

and any final action will take place after the closed session and will be on the record, in open session.” Mr. Brennan noted that New Mexico Open Meetings Act, § 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978 appears to be the correct section. Mr. Harrington agreed that H2 or Open Meetings Act sections 10-5-1 H is appropriate.

26.1

Commissioner Means made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended.

Commissioner Herbold seconded.

Ms. Bregar took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper - Yes

Commissioner Lopez - Absent

Commissioner Dawson – Yes

Commissioner Herbold – Yes

Designee Levine - Yes

Commissioner Means - Yes

Commissioner Gallegos – Yes

Motion passed

III. APPROVAL of SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 MINUTES

Commissioner Hooper asked if there were any changes to the minutes from September 4, 2025.

26.2

Commissioner Means made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Commissioner Herbold seconded.

Ms. Bregar took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper - Yes

Commissioner Lopez - Absent

Commissioner Dawson – Yes

Commissioner Herbold – Yes

Designee Levine - Abstain

Commissioner Means - Yes

Commissioner Gallegos – Yes

Motion passed

IV. Calendar Year 2026 Meeting Dates

Mr. Gomme requested an additional special meeting with the Commission to discuss the FCC proposals. Board and legal input will be needed before Mr. Gomme can comment to the FCC. A date has not been identified but Mr. Gomme said it will be soon.

Commissioner Means asked how much advanced notice will be when a special meeting is scheduled. Commissioner Herbold stated 72 hours, Mr. Gomme concurred.

Commissioners discussed the proposed meetings dates of March 5, June 4, September 3 and December 3. The June 4 date does not work for Commissioner Herbold or Commissioner Means. Several dates were discussed and commissioners agreed upon June 11. Commissioner Dawson is not available on that date.

Chair Hooper asked for a motion to accept March 5, June 11, September 3 and December 3, as amended.

26.3

Commissioner Herbold made a motion to accept the calendar years 2026 meeting dates, as amended.

Commissioner Means seconded.

Ms. Bregar took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper - Yes
Commissioner Dawson – Yes
Designee Levine - Yes
Commissioner Gallegos – Yes

Commissioner Lopez - Abstain
Commissioner Herbold – Yes
Commissioner Means - Yes

Motion passed

V. NMCDHH Executive Director Performance Review – Limited Personnel Matters

Commissioner Hooper asked to close the meeting to enter an Executive Session at approx. 3:26pm.

26.4

Commissioner Means made a motion that the Commission enter into Executive Session.
Commissioner Herbold seconded.
Ms. Bregar took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper - Yes
Commissioner Dawson – Yes
Designee Levine - Yes
Commissioner Gallegos – Yes

Commissioner Lopez – Yes
Commissioner Herbold – Yes
Commissioner Means - Yes

Motion passed with 7 Yes,

At approx. 4:24pm, Mr. Harrington announced that there was no action taken in the Executive Session.

The Commission voted to re-open the meeting.

26.5

Commissioner Means made a motion that the Commission open the meeting.
Commissioner Dawson seconded.
Ms. Bregar took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper - Yes
Commissioner Dawson – Yes
Designee Levine - Yes
Commissioner Gallegos – Yes

Commissioner Lopez – Yes
Commissioner Herbold – Yes
Commissioner Means - Yes

Motion passed

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Gomme reviewed the recently released FCC document 25-79, its related request for comment, and the response he was drafting, as detailed in the Executive Director Report. Mr. Gomme reiterated his need to have the board review the response, at a later date, during a board meeting.

Mr. Gomme and Chair Hooper discussed that dialogue will need to occur with the legislature in future sessions, when more information is available.

There were no questions regarding other Director reports.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hooper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

26.6

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Means seconded.

Ms. Bregar took a roll call vote:

Commissioner Hooper - Yes

Commissioner Dawson – Yes

Designee Levine - Yes

Commissioner Gallegos – Yes

Commissioner Lopez - Yes

Commissioner Herbold – Absent

Commissioner Means - Yes

Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee F. Bregar

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